



KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006 WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE AKOAKOA ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Vice-chair Yanagihara acting chair in the absence of chair Zdvoracek.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Karasaki, John Sabas, Felipe San Nicolas, Wendell Lum, Roy Yanagihara, Paul Friel, John Flanigan, L.C. Morris, Glenn Ida, Bill Sager, Niko Koga (appointed this evening).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clyde Morita, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka, Elizabeth Gaisthia, and Larry Zdvoracek.

GUESTS: Paul Kamanu (Grace In Action), Sabrina Franks, Devon Nekoba (Board of Water Supply), Cleveland Dedrick, Wanda Camara, Captain Robert Methered (Honolulu Fire Department, Kaneohe Station), Sarah Fry (MCBH), George Okuda (Representative Ken Ito's Office), Greg and Sean Gono (Boy Scout Troop 329), Scott Sunaoka (Hope Chapel), Carlton Ching (Castle & Cooke), Li Nagao, Thomas Nagao, Maui Travis (LDS Troop 259), D. Keala Naluai (Malama O Keali'i Makamae), Shannon Wood (Windward Ahupua'a Alliance), Jessica McDunn (Hawaii Pacific University), Senator Bob Hogue, Councilmember Barbara Marshall, Mr. Marshall, Venus Acoba (Councilmember Barbara Marshall's Office), Lt. Robert Robinson (Honolulu Police Department, District 4 – Kaneohe), Katherine Thomason (Governor's Office), Lester Chang (Mayor's Office) Senator Bob Hogue, and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCIES:

Subdistrict 2 – Niko Koga offered to fill the vacancy. A brief background and her interests were given.

Questions, answers and comments followed: a) In a response to Friel, she has been a Kaneohe resident for a year and a half. Koga is also the owner of Rock Rose Bar. b) Sabas commented Board membership includes meetings and committee meeting. He asked if they would conflict with her schedule. Koga replied as the owner, her schedule could be adjusted to attend meetings.

By acclamation Niko Koga filled the vacancy in Subdistrict 2.

A recess was called to administer the Oath of Office to Koga.

The agenda order resumed.

Subdistrict 1 – There were no interested persons present to fill the vacancy.

Subdistrict 11 - There were no interested persons present to fill the vacancy.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The following corrections/additions were made:

- Page 1, Hawaii State Hospital should read, "...**Bill Russell**..." and all other mention of Bill Sager should read, "...**Bill Russell**..."
- Page 2, O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, add "...**Lum mentioned federal spending for the Kaneohe reserves from Laie to Waimanalo**..."
- Page 6, Unfinished Business item 7, 2nd sentence should read, "...**Elizabeth Gaisthia volunteered to do the research, which is in her subdistrict**..."



Flanigan moved and seconded by Sabas to accept the February 2006 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING MINUTES: Deferred until later in the agenda.

Sabas called a point of order and asked if an item could be added to the agenda. There being no 2/3 vote, the Board could not add this item to the agenda.

PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY REPORT:

Honolulu Fire Department – Captain Robert Methered reported the following:

- 1) Statistics for the month of February included: Fires – 1 structure, 1 brush, 1 vehicle; emergencies – 70 total medical (48 assist EMS/22 arrival before EMS), 1 search/rescue (H-3 tunnel); miscellaneous-3 restore fire systems, 3 hazardous conditions (MVA clean up), 40 investigate/standby (services not needed), 4 cancelled enroute; major incident – February 17, 2006 – Aikahi brushfire: 6 engines/2 ladders/air 1 tender 30/2 battalion chiefs, that took 5 hours to extinguish. Engines from other stations substituted at the Kaneohe Station as back up during the fire.
- 2) Fire Safety Tip: Fire Safety Tip - Brush fires cause great damage. Dispose of all fires properly. Make and maintain a 30-foot wide firebreak by clearing vegetation-surrounding structures. Formulate emergency plans. For more information, contact Denise Laitinen of Firewise at 281-3497 or go to www.firewise.org.
- 3) Firewise pamphlets were available for interested persons to review.

Captain Robert Methered was thanked for attending the meeting.

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII (MCBH) – Sarah Fry reported the following

- 1) MCAF Aircraft Activity:
 - Emergency activities – The Navy's Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing-TWO flew late night and early morning missions over Kauai on 15 March 2006, in support of search and rescue missions during flood conditions.
 - Ongoing operations: KC-135s from 64th ARS Squadron in Portland, Oregon, conducting monthly training within the Hawaiian operations area, and large commercial and military aircraft transporting Marines and Sailors to and from deployment.
 - 17-19 Mar – MCAF Hours – Airfield hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The airfields will operate Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Airfield hours on Sunday will be 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Environmental Awards – MCBH wins secretary of the Navy Department of Defense Recognition.
- 3) Upcoming Events: a) 21 Mar – Sea services Women's Leadership Symposium; b) 23-29 Mar – O'ahu Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps visits MCBH; c) 24 Mar – Base Chapel Outreach: The next "Feeding the Homeless" takes place next Friday at the Institute of Human Services in downtown Honolulu. Volunteers may contact Chaplain Owens at 257-8318 or email: Daniel.owens@usmc.mil.

Sarah Fry was thanked for attending the meeting.

Without objections, the order of the agenda returned to Approval of the February 2006 Agenda Planning and Committees' Meeting Minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2006 PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING: Morris moved and seconded by Ida to accept the February 2006 Planning and Committees' Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was adopted unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Gaisthia was not in attendance this evening.

PUBLIC INPUT & RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Malama O Keali'i Makamae – D. Keala Naluai was seeking support for House Resolution 178, urging support for Malama O Keali'i Makamae in its efforts to develop a care home facilities for endangered young children from low-income households, including Native Hawaiian children at high risk. A Senate concurrent resolution pertaining to this facility passed in 2004. The House passed this resolution today. A location for this facility is being sought in the Kahalu'u area. She stated an undeveloped parcel near the Kahalu'u Regional Park would be an ideal site, near to an elementary school, HFD, and EMS close by. The projects goal is to reunite the families, and support shortfall agencies. Copies of HR 178 and a brochure relative to the facility were provided.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

- 1) Lum mentioned the City is reviewing the Community Sustainable Plan. Naluai responded she attended the first meeting when the plan was brought to the community for input.
- 2) Sabas asked her relationship with the foster care program. Naluai replied details are being worked out because of laws and rules. An alternative to this is if the decision comes voluntarily from the families.
- 3) Sager asked if this facility would be for children not under the Department of Human Services. He noted there is a need for this type of program. Naluai replied she has spoken with Hina Mauka, 96744, Drug Free Hawaii and Partnership. She relayed this would be like being at tutu's (grandmothers) house.
- 4) In response to Lum, the City owns the parcel being requested. Naluai mentioned a 1994 letter from Ed Case to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) stated the parcel is currently City owned.
- 5) It was mentioned that Deputy Director of DLNR was present this evening, and he could possibly elaborate.
- 6) In response to San Nicolas, statistics relative to House Resolution 178 were not available this evening. He asked if the statistics could be provided for review.
- 7) Sabas commented the list of trustees is impressive. Naluai responded the organization is in the grant writing process.
- 8) Representative Colleen Meyer sponsored the resolution. Since then eight representatives have signed the resolution.

Flanigan moved, seconded by Sager to draft a resolution in support of House Resolution 178. The Neighborhood Assistant reminded Vice Chair Yanagihara this issue not being an agenda item might violate the Neighborhood Plan and the State Sunshine Law. Yanagihara responded may make motions at anytime.

The motion carried unanimously. Board member Flanigan agreed to draft a resolution.

Koolau Village Association (Clotheslines) – Resident Wanda Camara reported project manager Tammy Rodriguez has the clotheslines and has submitted a request. The Board was thanked for the support, especially Lum who approached her at her apartment offering assistance is getting clotheslines for the tenants. A request for equipment, such as pipes, etc. to install the clotheslines was resubmitted. Vice Chair Yanagihara replied that Board member Lum would pursue the matter.

On Street Parking – A resident expressed concern of cars parked on Kahuhipa Street, Kumu Loop, and Kauhaa Place (public streets) and left there for several days. When the cars are moved, they are replaced with others to save the parking spot. The resident was asked to fill out a Mayor's concern form for follow up.

O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – Shannon Wood announced the following: a) OMPO meeting next Wednesday for oral comments regarding the deletion of the Kapunahala Stream project intergraded in the Castle Hills project. b) The second half of the Castle Junction landslide on Kamehameha Highway will be removed. c) The

City has accepted by the City. Copies will be provided to Kaneohe Neighborhood Board 30 and Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board 29.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

Lum commented the OMPO meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. Amendment number three on its agenda to be adopted relative to the Kapunahala Stream. Wood noted no decisions would be made at that meeting.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor's Representative – Lester Chang reported the following:

- 1) Follow up to a concern regarding Kaneohe not included in the O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2030, the Department of Transportation supports the concept of a transit center in Kaneohe. However, the community needs to reach its consensus on where the center should be located, then OMPO can reflect the correct facility and the cost in the ORTP.
- 2) Pamphlets relative to recycling, a tote bag and shoelaces made out plastic bottles, pencils made out of paper, and were available for interested persons to review.
- 3) The 78th "Lei Queen" selection will be held on March 18, at McCoy Pavilion; lei making demonstrations will be held.
- 4) The Centennial Family Festival will be held at Ala Moana Beach Park from March 31, 2006 to April 3, 2006.
- 5) The next Green Waste Day is scheduled for March 17, 2006, utilizing the blue carts.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

- 1) Sager commented about the major sewage spill that occurred from water run-off into Kaneohe Bay. He stated it is a big problem. The sustainable plan calls for a moratorium on the system, but nothing is being done. He asked what could be done to clarify the problem. Chang replied the weather has been extreme and will do follow up on the issue. He noted a lot of effort is being done to curb the matter. Sager pointed out the sewer system is impacted and unable to handle future developments, which is a major concern. Chang answered the Mayor is working on a program to correct the situation.
- 2) Follow up will be done to check if there is a sewer moratorium.

Lester Chang was thanked for attending the meeting.

Councilmember Barbara Marshall – Councilmember Marshall circulated her written report and highlighted/added the following:

- 1) Upcoming Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget item is the Kaneohe Pumping Station upgrade calls for a moratorium. Developers have been told they could not hook up to the sewer system until the sewer projects are complete.
- 2) Money is available in the CIP budget for the continuation of the Kalana Nani Apartments renovations, which is in the design phase.
- 3) Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request list – a) restore eroded areas along Kamehameha Highway, back of Kaneohe Stream; b) rehabilitate the Kamehameha Highway Bridge over Heeia Stream; c) highway structure improvements for Anoi Road; d) improvement schedule for Kaneohe District Park; e) guardrail improvement project scheduled for Kamehameha Highway and Linapuni Road. Councilmember Marshall will try to add the Kala Stream to the request list.

- 4) Money was put in last year for a consultant to design the storm drain for Duncan Drive, which took four years. Plans are construction to begin in two years. The Councilmember will try to incorporate funding for this project to continue.
- 5) Greencycling – Administration officials say green waste recycling has the potential to significantly reduce the island's waste. Log on to www.opala.org. Everyone was reminded to check their pick up day schedule.
- 6) Awaiting response from the Administration regarding the crosswalk on Kamehameha Highway fronting Star Market.
- 7) Relative to a transit center for the Kaneohe area, Council member Marshall was told at a Budget meeting last week the whole system is being studied, and once the study is complete she will be informed if Kaneohe is included.
- 8) The Kaneohe 3 Talks sessions is held every third Monday. She pointed out at the last two sessions no one in the Kaneohe district attended. This may cause the sessions in this area to be cancelled.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

- 1) Lum commented funding allocated by U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye for Kapunahala Stream has been given to the State. In response, The U.S. Senator promised to get the money restored.
- 2) Lum pointed out the Star Market crosswalk situation is due to poor lighting. Councilmember Marshall replied it is a State road, but the City maintains the stoplights.

Councilmember Barbara Marshall was thanked for attending the meeting.

L.C. Morris left the meeting at this time (10 members present).

Governor's Representative – Katherine Thomason reported the following:

- 1) A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the Kauai floods.
- 2) Guidelines for flood compensatory claim forms available. Damages costing more than \$10,000 will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office. Log on to www.stae.hi/forms for more information. Home insurance claim forms are also being utilized.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

- 1) Follow up will be done relative to the clothesline matter.
- 2) San Nicolas requested a presentation by the State Civil Defense for the April Board meeting. Follow up will be done.
- 3) Follow up will be done as when the start of the Kaneohe Beautification Project will start.

Katherine Thomason was thanked for attending the meeting.

U.S. Congressman Ed Case – The written report was available for interested persons to review.

Senator Bob Hogue – Senator Hogue reported the following:

- 1) Crossover of bills between the Senate and the House was completed this past week.
- 2) Results of his survey indicated the number one community priority is school repair and maintenance. A bill passed both House and Senate to increase funding for repairs and maintenance. Due to recent rains, it is important that facilities be maintained.

- 3) He attended a public meeting last week with Windward PTA members. Act 51 (SB3238 SD2 HD2 CD1, relating to DOE-Reinventing Education Act of 2004, will cause budget cuts such as library positions, the Kaneohe Complex Performing Arts Programs, etc. It was suggested asking the Department of Education (DOE) to reconsider making cuts before rendering a decision.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

- 1) Sager informed the Senator that a resolution would be presented at the Board's April meeting regarding the availability of disaster shelters. Present shelters can only withstand category 3 hurricanes. Stronger shelters are not available. The Senator replied he introduced legislation on the matter, however it did not move forward. Sager noted we must all be prepared to take care of ourselves and not depend on FEMA.
- 2) Lum commented from this last rainstorm, eight homes were flooded. He mentioned Senator Sakamoto proposed legislation on the issue and asked for the Senator's support. Senator Hogue noted that it is a good idea.

Senator Hogue was thanked for attending the meeting.

Senator Clayton Hee – The written report was available for interested persons to review.

Representative Ken Ito – George Okuda distributed several handouts, and apologized for Representatives Ito and Chong, and Senator Hee not in attendance tonight due to hearings. He reported the following:

Representatives Ito and Magaoay, and Senator Hee introduced legislation to provide a non-refundable tax credit up to ten thousand dollars to individuals who sustained flood damages caused by the recent rains in Windward O'ahu. Wording from Senator Taniguchi's bill for Manoa victims, has been incorporated in HB 1448. Board support is being sought for this legislation. City Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz also supports this legislation.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

- 1) Friel asked based on the Kauai flood damage situation, will the bill be incorporated or separate. In response, per Senator Hee the bill may cover the entire state.
- 2) It was uncertain the status of the bill at this time, and if it would include damage to personal belongings.
- 3) Sager commented it seems like band-aid legislation. He pointed out the legislation should apply to any natural disasters, and limited to a particular community.
- 4) Flanigan noted there is no mention in the bill relative to insured exemptions.
- 5) A board member noted that there was only one person assigned to inspect dams and reservoirs in the DLNR.
- 6) Civil Defense receives their instructions from the Adjutant General.
- 7) Lum commented that property owners in low-lying areas do not know which flood zone they are in. In response, legislation has been proposed relative to this issue.
- 8) Vice Chair Yanagihara asked if any funding was attached with the mandates to inspect dams, rivers and streams. Okuda replied not at this time, possibly in the future. Yanagihara reminded Okuda that the legislature had previously reduced funding and positions to the DLNR during previous sessions and questioned if the Representative would consider more funding for DLNR? Mr. Okuda indicated that the representative probably would support increased funding for the DLNR.

George Okuda read the proposed bill.

Sabas moved, seconded by Friel the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board draft a resolution in support of HB 1448 HD 2, relating to non-refundable tax credit equal to 10 percent of the losses incurred by the taxpayer for

repairs, insurance, rental, or other expenses or costs related to damage caused to the taxpayer's real or personal property by the heavy rain and flood in March of 2006 in Windward O'ahu, including the areas from Kaneohe to Kahuku, not to exceed \$10,000 per taxpayer. The motion carried unanimously, 10-0-0.
Sabas agreed to draft the resolution.

A resolution was requested pertaining to streams and dams.

George Okuda was thanked for attending the meeting.

Representative Pono Chong – The written report was available for interested persons to review.

The arrival of the HPD representative was noted and the acting chair returned to a previous agenda item without objections.

Honolulu Police Department: Lt. Robinson statistics for the month of February included burglary 6, other property thefts 46, UEMV (theft from vehicles) 32, robbery 0 and auto/motorcycle theft 23. District 4 is focusing on parks at night and graffiti. A bad spell occurred a week ago involving 15 cars. Also, a disturbance happened at the Windward Mall Theaters. Captain Michael Moses will be assigned to the Kaneohe Police Station.

Lt. Robinson was thanked for attending the meeting.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Hawaii Pacific University – Jessica McDunn reported the following:

- 1) Spring Semester January 23 to May 12, with Spring Break March 27-31.
- 2) Retired Navy Admiral Thomas Fargo has been appointed to HPU Board of Trustees.
- 3) HPU All-Girls Stunt Cheer Team won the National Championship last month at the Universal Cheerleading Association competition.
- 4) Events:
 - HPU International Vocal Ensemble – Moonlit Serenade fundraising concert for trip to Austria to commemorate Mozart's birth, Friday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m.
 - HPU Jazz Ensemble "Six O'clock Band" performs for the Hawaii Association of Independent Colleges and Universities 9:00 a.m., April 4, at Hawai'i Theatre.
 - MA in teaching English as a Second Language, 5:30 p.m., March 22.
 - MA in Diplomacy and Military Studies, 5:30 p.m. March 30.

Jessica McDunn was thanked for attending the meeting.

Hope Chapel – Scott Sunaoka gave the following report:

- 1) The pilot of the crashed air City ambulance on Maui was a church member. Recently two other church mentors passed away.
- 2) A free Medical Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2006, from 9 to 11 a.m., at Hope Chapel Kaneohe Bay Campus Main meeting tent (clamshell), 45-815 Pookela Street. Medicare Complete speakers will be sharing information to anyone contemplating retirement, retirees, seniors who are in the process of applying, and family of a senior member needs assistance.
- 3) The Community Picnic will be held on April 8, 2006.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Civil Defense – Sager mentioned that a Board resolution on this matter would be presented at the April Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Environmental Committee – Sager announced the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources Integrated Shoreline Policy Workshop, Thursday, April 6, 2006, Kalanimoku Building 1151 Punchbowl Street), Room 132 from 12:30 to 4:40 p.m.

OMPO Citizen Advisory Committee – Lum announced the next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2006, Honolulu Hale, room 205 at 2:00 p.m. The ORTP status report will be given.

There were no other Committee Reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) The next Agenda Planning & Committees' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by Vice Chair Roy Yanagihara